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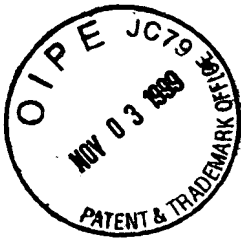
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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR VENDING PRODUCTS

Cross-Reference to Related Corresponding Applications

This is a continuation-in-part of commonly owned, co-pending U.S. Patent

- 5 Application Serial No. 09/012,163 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Automatically Vending a Combination of Products" filed January 22, 1998, commonly owned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/920,116 entitled "Method and Systems for Processing Supplementary Product Sales at a Point-of-Sale Terminal" filed August 26, 1997, and commonly owned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/947,798 entitled
- 10 "Method and Apparatus for Dynamically Managing Vending Machine Inventory Prices" filed October 10, 1997, the entirety of each incorporated by reference herein.

Background of the Invention

Field of the Invention

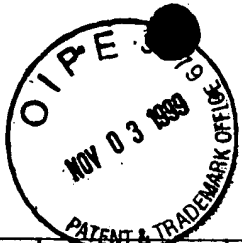
- 15 The present invention is directed generally to vending machines and, more particularly, to a method and apparatus for advancing the sale of vending machine products by offering and selling discounted products, the identities of the discounted products being revealed after receipt of payment.

Description of the Related Art

It is believed that the first modern vending machine was installed in the late 1880s. The first vending machines were rudimentary devices primarily designed to dispense cigarettes and postcards. Modern vending machines are employed to store and dispense a vast array of merchandise in response to a consumer request and

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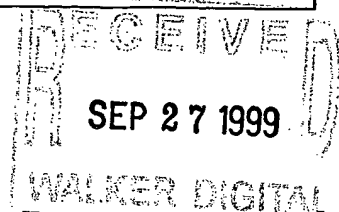
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